

1                   CLAIMS:

2                   1. An applicator and transfer device comprising:

3                   (a) a frame having opposite sides;

4                   (b) a first nip roller rotatably mounted and extending between said sides;

5                   (c) a first mounting means for mounting a feed roll to said frame;

6                   (d) a second nip roller rotatively mounted and extending between said sides;

7                   (e) a second mounting means for mounting a feed roll adjacent to said frame; and

8                   (f) actuating means for imparting rotation to at least one of said nip rollers.

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13                   2. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 including means for  
14                   moving said nip rollers from a first position out of engagement into a second  
15                   position into engagement with one another.

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17                   3. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 wherein said mounting  
18                   means comprises slot means located in the opposite sides of the said frame.

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20                   4. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 further including feed  
21                   tray means positioned adjacent said nip rollers.

5. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 further including cut-off means located adjacent to the rear of the nip rollers.

6. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 wherein the axis of said nip rollers are parallel to one another and wherein one of said nip rollers is forwardly displaced relative to the other nip roller.

7. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 further including a first and second roll of feed stock material having support means respectively engageable in said first and second mounting means and further including means for pre-tensioning said rolls to control the rate of discharge of feed stock from the roller.

8. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 further including biasing means for maintaining said feed rolls in their respective mounting means.

The applicator and transfer device of Claim 2 wherein said means for moving said nip rollers comprises a gibb plate.

10. The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 wherein said feed rolls are located immediately adjacent the associated nip roll.

1                   11. An applicator and adhesive transfer device comprising:

2                   (a) an upper frame member having opposite sides and a lower frame  
3                   member having opposite sides, said upper frame member being  
4                   pivotally connected to said lower frame member;

5                   (b) a first nip roller rotatively mounted and extending between the sides  
6                   of said upper frame member;

7                   (c) a first mounting means associated with the upper frame member;

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9                   (d) a second nip roller rotatively mounted and extending between the  
10                  sides of said lower frame member;

11                  (e) a second mounting means associated with the said lower frame  
12                  member; and

13                  (f) actuating means for imparting rotation to at least one of said nip  
14                  rollers.

15                  11. The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim 11 wherein said  
16                  upper frame member is pivotal between a non-actuated position and an actuated  
17                  position in which the nip rollers are in engagement.

18                  12. The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim 12 further  
19                  including gear means associated with said first and second nip rollers wherein  
20                  actuation of one nip roller will impart rotation to the other of said nip rollers.

~~14.~~ The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim ~~11~~ wherein said mounting means comprises slot means in said upper and lower frame members and further including first and second feed rolls each having engagement means engageable in said mounting means.

15. The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim 14 wherein said engagement means includes pre-tensioning means for controlling the pay-out of feed material from said rolls.

16. The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim 15 wherein said rolls includes a generally cylindrical core having an end plate engaging the opposite ends of said core with projection means engageable in said mounting means and further including means for applying a predetermined force biasing said end plate into engagement with the ends of said roll core.

~~17.~~ The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim ~~11~~ further including a feed tray generally aligned with the inner face of the nip rollers when said nip rollers are in said second engaged position.

18. The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim 11 further including cut-off means.

1                   19. The applicator and adhesive transfer device of Claim 11 wherein the  
2                   axis of said second nip roller is displaced from the axis of said second nip roller.

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